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# News Release

## **MULTIPLE CHARGES FOR MAN WHO TRIED TO ELUDE POLICE**

**December 7, 2012**

On December 6, 2012 at approximately 8:00 p.m. an officer with the Harrisonburg Police Department observed a vehicle being operated in a reckless manner on South Main Street near Pleasant Hill Road. When the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, the suspect slowed down, turned into the McDonalds (On South Main Street) parking lot appearing to stop. The suspect then accelerated, exiting the parking lot and struck another vehicle that was traveling on Mosby Road. The suspect did not stop and continued west on Mosby Road. The suspect was pursued for a short distance into the Dayton area at which time the officer lost site of the vehicle and the pursuit was terminated.

Short time later officers located the vehicle parked at the Rockingham Motel on South Main Street unoccupied. A deputy with the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office stopped a person matching the description of the suspect near the location where the vehicle was located. The person ran on foot from the deputy. A non-physical apprehension was utilized through the use of a Harrisonburg Police K-9 as the suspect surrendered to the handlers orders. Another K-9 went back and located a firearm that was thrown down by the suspect as he was running on foot.

Arrested was 36 year old Darren Life of Harrisonburg, Virginia for the following offenses;

1. Unauthorized Use of Vehicle
2. Felony Hit and Run
3. Eluding Police

Life was also charged with outstanding warrants through Rockingham County.

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